

These figures relate only to the period from 1104 when the scheme for the conduct of the Higher and Lower grade Arabic Munshies' Examination came into force.

Principle for promotions in the ministerial staff of the Judicial Department.

120. *MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (Shertala I): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the basic principles on which promotions are made in the ministerial staff of the Judicial Department;

(b) whether law qualification is a main consideration in the matter of promotions; and

(c) whether the total service in a particular grade of a candidate counts in the matter of promotions?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (Chief Secretary to Government):

(a) Service, qualifications and efficiency.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes, other qualifications existing.

Promotion of Law Graduate Clerks in the Judicial Department.

121. *MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (Shertala I): Will the Government be pleased to state whether those who obtain degrees in law examinations are given preference in the matter of promotions in the ministerial staff in the Judicial Department?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (Chief Secretary to Government): Yes.

Police Out-post at Kattathurai.

122. *MR. K. R. ELENKATH (Kalkulam I): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Police Out-post at Kattathurai has been permanently abolished?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (Commissioner of Police): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (Kalkulam I): May I know from the member what were the reasons that weighed with the Government for the abolition of the Out-post?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (Commissioner of Police): I claim notice.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (Kalkulam I): May I know from the member what is the distance of the nearest Police Station from the Kattathurai Out-post?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (Commissioner of Police): I could not tell off-hand.

Tax on coconut gardens.

123. *MR. M. N. NAIR (Kottayam I): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the amount of land tax collected on lands having coconut trees, in 1108 and in 1108?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income-Tax Commissioner*): Statistics furnishing the information asked for are not available.

The Alleppey Pier.

124. ***MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the length of time during which shipping facilities at the Alleppey pier have been impaired owing to accretions of sand;

(b) how long the question of improving the shipping facilities at Alleppey has been receiving the attention of Government; and

(c) whether they have arrived at any definite conclusion regarding the improvements to be effected and, if so, the nature of the improvements decided upon?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (a) On no occasion.

(b) From 1931.

(c) The answer to the first part of the interpellation is in the negative. The second part does not therefore arise.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether there has been any appreciable decrease in shipping in the port of Alleppey in recent times?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Not much.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): May I know whether there has been any loss?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There is no information about any loss.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether coastal shipping trade is carried on at the Port of Alleppey?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether there has been any coastal steamer at the port of Alleppey last week?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

• *The Miyannoor Vernacular Primary School.*

125. ***MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the date when permission was granted to the Miyannoor Vernacular Primary School;

(b) the number of classes allowed;

(c) whether the building in which this school was allowed to be conducted satisfies the requirements of the Education Code;

(d) if not, whether any communication from the office of the Assistant Inspector of Vernacular Schools, Quilon, District IX, was sent to the manager of the school demanding the date by which this school will be accommodated in a building conforming to the requirements of the Education Code;